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## 26 newsmen die on duty

Risk in covering wars

WASHINGTON, March 17, (AP) A world-wide survey of attacks on the media found 26 journalists died, and at least one disappeared, in the line of duty last year. The Committee to Protect Journalists said Thursday.

"If you look at the world of journalism, there are people around the world who are not just threatened, but who have been killed," said Anne Nelson, executive director of the non-partisan committee founded in 1981 by a group of US reporters and editors.

The hazards of covering wars attract the most attention, yet the biggest risk seems to involve reporters doing the day-to-day jobs of covering crime and corruption at the local levels, Ms Anne said at a National Press Club briefing.

Overall, she said, her group documented some 800 incidents of threats, killings, injuries or other harassment of journalists last year.

That was up from 600 the year before, but she said not to assume that means a 25 per cent increase in incidents. Rather, Anne said, the collection of information on individual cases has been improved.

The Philippines appears to have become the most dangerous workplace for local reporters, said Anne, with five deaths last year.

Afghanistan was also listed among the most dangerous locations with four deaths.

Hazards in Latin America have shifted in recent years, Anne reported. When her group was founded, the Central American region, including the battlegrounds in Nicaragua and Honduras, seemed to be the most dangerous.

However, now the hazard seems larger in Mexico and Colombia where drug lords operate, she said.

Mexico and Colombia each recorded four fatalities among journalists last year, she said.

In addition to the journalists killed during the year another, Duong Hung Cuong, died in detention in Vietnam. A journalist, held for re-education after the end of the war in Vietnam, he died of a cerebral hemorrhage, according to authorities. However, his family was not allowed to see the body, Anne said.

## Scientists develop anti-cancer strategy

WASHINGTON, March 17, (Reuters) A group of US scientists yesterday reported progress on a novel anti-cancer strategy that seeks to kill off tumours by restricting their blood supply.

The scientists said they discovered that a synthetic chemical, combined with a hormone called cortisone, stopped the abnormally rapid growth of the tiny blood vessels known as capillaries that tumours need to keep themselves growing.

The researchers, writing in the March 17 Science magazine, said the discovery could prove useful in a variety of medical applications since the process of generating new capillary systems, known as angiogenesis, is linked to numerous human diseases besides cancers, including conditions leading to blindness, arthritis and psoriasis, a severe skin disease.

Scientists previously have shown that tumours cannot grow beyond a certain point unless new capillaries develop rapidly alongside them. What was missing was an effective way to block capillary growth.

Now, a research team led by Paul Weisz of the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard Medical School, Boston, said they have found cortisone as effective in blocking capillary growth.

Further, they synthesised a chemical in the laboratory that wraps itself around the cortisone and attaches it to the cells that line blood vessels, where it can do the most good.

The synthetic chemical is a derivative of a class of sugars called cyclodextrins "that can be reliably synthesised in large quantities," they said.

The researchers did their study using rabbit corneas, which are rich in tiny blood vessels, and now will try to apply their findings to humans, they said.

## Europe, North America affected

### Continents drifting apart

STOCKHOLM, March 17, (AP) Galactic measurements show that Europe and North America are drifting apart by half an inch (13 millimetres) a year, scientists said.

The Onsala Space Observatory near Goteborg, working with US scientists, used galaxies billions of light-years away as reference points to determine the pace of continental drift, said Gunnar Elgered, a scientist involved in the project.

Elgered said the measurements, which began in 1980, refine earlier studies of continental drift based on the presence of minerals and other geological clues, which calculated an average annual drift of 17 millimetres (0.68 inches) over several million years.

## World is wetter, but not everywhere

WASHINGTON, March 17, (AP) Land areas of the planet have gotten wetter over the last century or so, but the rainfall increases have overlooked some large areas, a new study disclosed.

South America and Australia have received measurable increases in precipitation since the late 1800s, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reported.

But there has been a decline in Africa and in tropical areas of the Northern Hemisphere, the agency said.

The analysis of rainfall patterns was compiled by NOAA's Henry Diaz, R.S. Bradley of the University of Massachusetts and John Eischeid of the University of Colorado. Their findings are to be published in an upcoming issue of The Journal of Geophysical Research.

While the scientists looked at nearly a century of records, Diaz said that the primary period of increasing rainfall occurred from the 1940s to the mid-1950s and seems to have levelled off since then.

That was the pattern in the Southern Hemisphere, Diaz reported.

## Cheney confirmed as defence secretary

WASHINGTON, March 17, (Reuters) The Senate today unanimously confirmed Congressman Dick Cheney as US Defence Secretary, eight days after rejecting John Tower, President Bush's first choice to head the Pentagon.

In a vote of bipartisan goodwill after the bitter party-line battle over Tower, senators approved the popular Republican legislator to preside over major cuts in US military spending next year.

The White House said earlier that Cheney, 48, probably would be sworn in next week as the 14th and last government agency chief to take a seat in the Bush cabinet.

His nomination after Tower was rejected by a 53-47 vote on March 9 amid allegations the former Texas senator was a heavy drinker and womaniser and was too cozy with US defence firms.

Cheney, a conservative who once served as White House chief of staff under former President Gerald Ford, was nominated by Bush the day after Tower was beaten.

At the defence department, he must make decisions within weeks on where to begin eliminating or stretching out weapons programmes.

## Ban spurs gun-running

CHICAGO, March 17, (Reuters) Gun lovers went on buying sprees in small towns and big cities across the country on Thursday, snapping up the last remaining semi-automatic assault weapons in the face of a government ban on their import.

"It's like a run on the bank," said Robert Ishkanian, owner of Edelman's Sporting Goods Inc in Farmingdale, New York, which calls itself the largest retail gun store in the world.

One major dealer said not a single gun of this type would be left unsold in the United States by week's end. Some stores were raking in huge profits, raising prices by 50 per cent or more.

Although the government's ban on imports is temporary, as experts review whether the weapons have a legitimate sports use, many collectors apparently feel the case is already closed.

Adding to the fever was an announcement by Colt Industries Inc that it was voluntarily suspending sales of its semi-automatic rifles, the only real domestically produced competition for such imports as the AK-47 and the Uzi.

Stanton Myerson, owner of Lou's Guns, one of the biggest Philadelphia-area gun dealers, said his sales increased at least tenfold after the ban. "It was unbelievable...I could have used a switchboard," he said.

"I don't know where I can get any more," he added.

The guns have been under fire since January when a drifter used a Chinese-made AK-47 to kill five children in a Stockton, California, schoolyard.

Ishkanian said his seven stores have been selling about 100 AK-47s and other imported semiautomatic assault guns per day since the government announced the ban on Tuesday, at prices that are \$100 to 200 higher than before.

"I think we're going to be all out of them by the end of the week. There probably won't be an assault rifle left to buy in this country," he said.

### Murder toll

The 1989 murder toll in the US capital rose to 112 on Thursday as police recorded five deaths from gunshots and a new anti-drugs curfew took effect.

Police said four men were killed in separate shootings during a nine-hour period ending before dawn on Thursday and a man shot last week died of his wounds on Thursday.

Police had no suspects or motives for the latest killings, but authorities say most murders result from rival gangs fighting for control of the cocaine trade.

In 1988, police said a record 372 people were murdered in Washington — the highest per capita rate in the United States.

The curfew, aimed at stemming a wave of drug-related killings, bans people under 18 years old from city streets after 11 pm on weekdays and midnight on weekends.

Mayor Marion Barry said police would not start rounding up violators, who will be held in police stations until parents or guardians get them, until Monday.

Another new law went into effect in Washington on Thursday for mandatory five-year minimum prison sentences, without parole or probation, for criminals using guns in any crime.

### Earthquake

Two East German soldiers look for still usable bricks in front of a stable, damaged during an earthquake at the East German village of Voelkershausen near the border to West Germany. (Reuters radio-photo)

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Famine kills 5,000

MAPUTO, March 17, (Reuters) Famine caused by war and drought has killed almost 5,000 people in northern Mozambique since January, the official Mozambican news agency AIM said. Catholic missionaries last month reported 3,591 famine-related deaths in Memba district's Nampula province between Jan 5 and Feb 17.

#### Craft blasts off

MOSCOW, March 17, (Reuters) An unmanned spacecraft carrying supplies has taken off for the Soviet space station Mir. Tass news agency said today. The spacecraft, Progress-41, blasted off last night, the Soviet news agency said. It did not say when it would dock with Mir.

#### Partymen expelled

BEIJING, March 17, (UPI) The Chinese Communist Party announced yesterday it had expelled 23,000 of its members for corruption and incompetence and brought disciplinary action against more than 60,000 others because they were judged to be unqualified. The announcement came after a membership appraisal launched last year amid rising criticism of corruption and ineptitude among the 6.4 million members of China's ruling party.

#### Smugglers jailed

JACKSON, March 17, (AP) Four men convicted on US drug charges in connection with Mississippi's biggest cocaine seizure have received prison sentences ranging from 10 to 20 years. The men, Carlos Antonio Zapata Alvarez, 39, Carlos Antonio Zapata Alvarez, 39, Carlos Antonio Zapata Alvarez, 39, and Carlos Antonio Zapata Alvarez, 39, were sentenced to 22 years imprisonment and ordered to pay a \$25,000 fine the stiffest of four sentences.

#### Script for sale

LONDON, March 17, (AP) The working manuscript of the 19th century Russian novel "Fathers and Sons" by Ivan Turgenev will be sold in London in May, according to an announcement by the auctioneers. The price is expected to run as high as half a million pounds (around \$800,000) Sotheby's said yesterday.

#### Decision postponed

PARIS, March 17, (Reuters) The 13-nation European Space Agency (ESA) has postponed a decision to build an orbiting polar platform as part of an international space station project. Frederik Engstrom, director of ESA's space station and platform section, told Reuters a final decision on building the component — the Columbus Polar Platform — would now be taken at the next full agency meeting in October.

#### Male chauvinism

LONDON, March 17, (Reuters) Boys at all-male Eton College where generations of Britain's leaders have received a rigorous and expensive education, are accused in their school magazine of treating women as sex objects. A schoolgirl who signed herself only as "Sarah" wrote to complain about the way Etonians treat their female peers.

#### Move to free singer

COLUMBIA, March 17, (AP) While inmate James Brown works with a prison choir, the voices of supporters trying to win early release for the "Godfather of Soul" ring loud across the country. Jesse Jackson urges compassion for Brown, who is serving a six-year prison sentence for trying to run over two police officers during a two-state chase last fall.

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### Saliva may be a source of AIDS

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17, (UPI) AIDS researchers advised dentists that a new study indicates saliva is a very unlikely source for transmission of the AIDS virus.

In findings presented at a meeting of the American Association for Dental Research, University of California-San Francisco researchers reported that human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, which causes AIDS, is only rarely found in saliva.

The study did show, however, that saliva may be a good source for detecting the presence of HIV antibodies, which are proteins the body produces after exposure to the AIDS virus but that do not transmit the disease.

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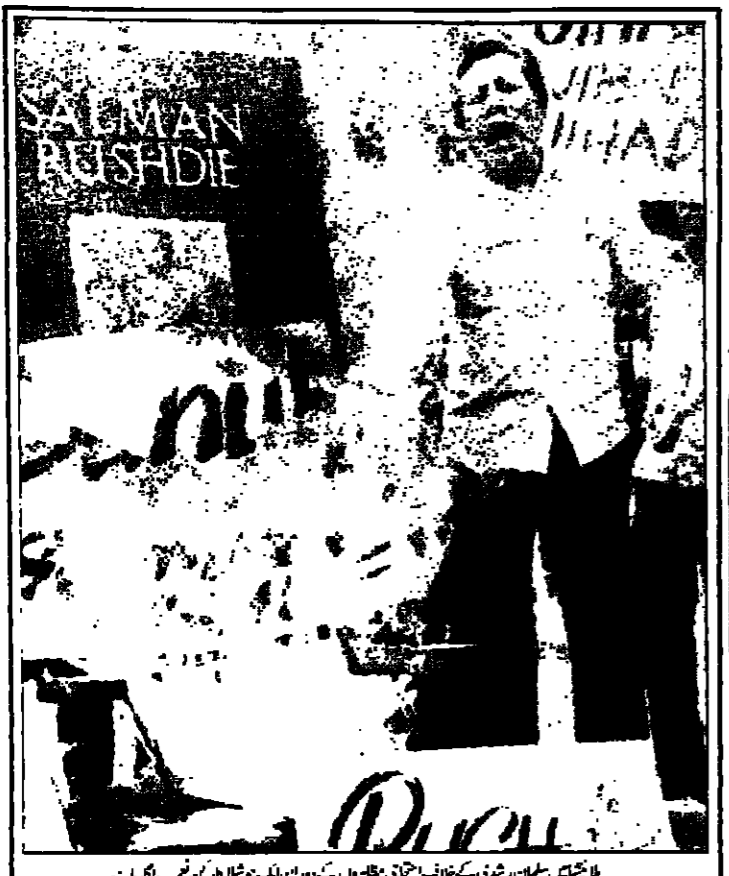
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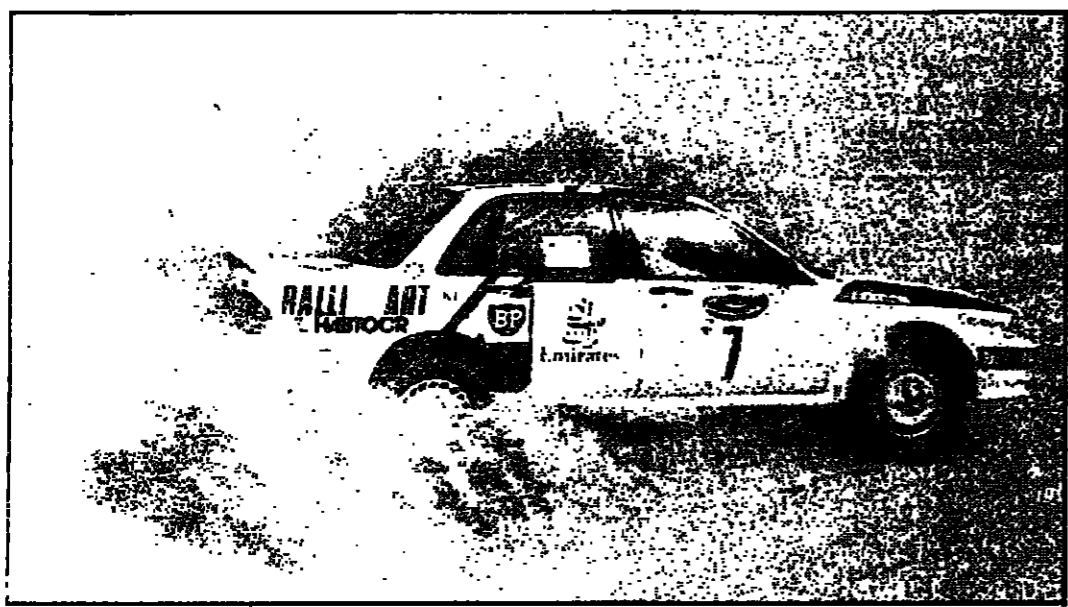




H.E. Sheikh Fahd flags off the rally.



Ahmed Al Helal: broke his rear axle



Abbas Al Mousawi, brilliant driving, but out of the rally



Chief Marshal Jacques Lombardo finds an unusual way to stop a truck entering an open stage.



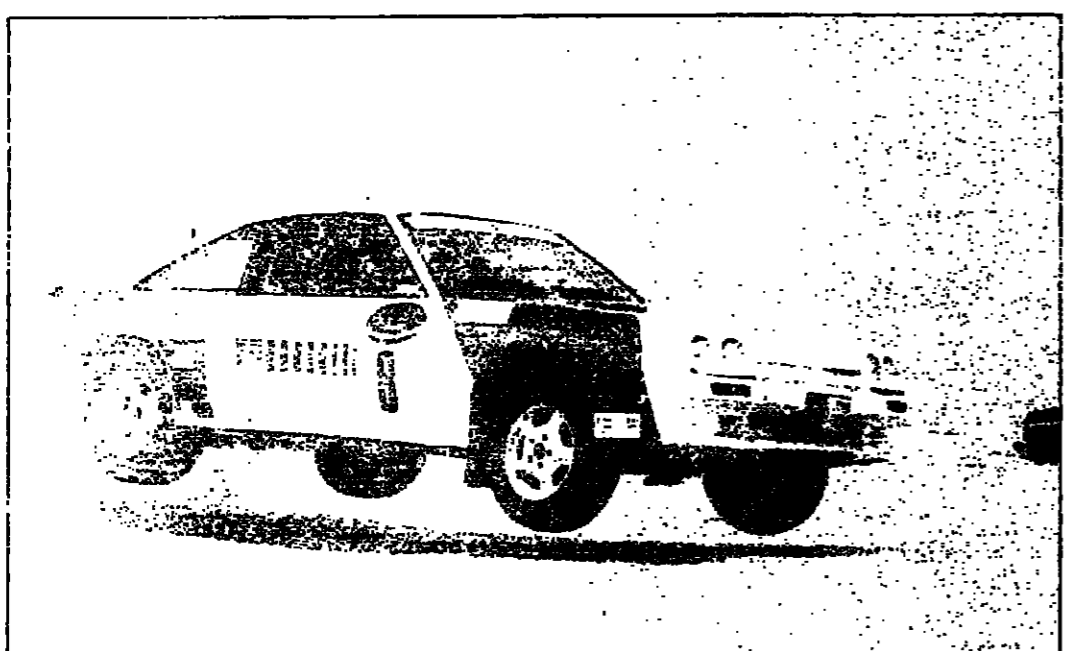
Co-drivers and team managers: waiting for an answer



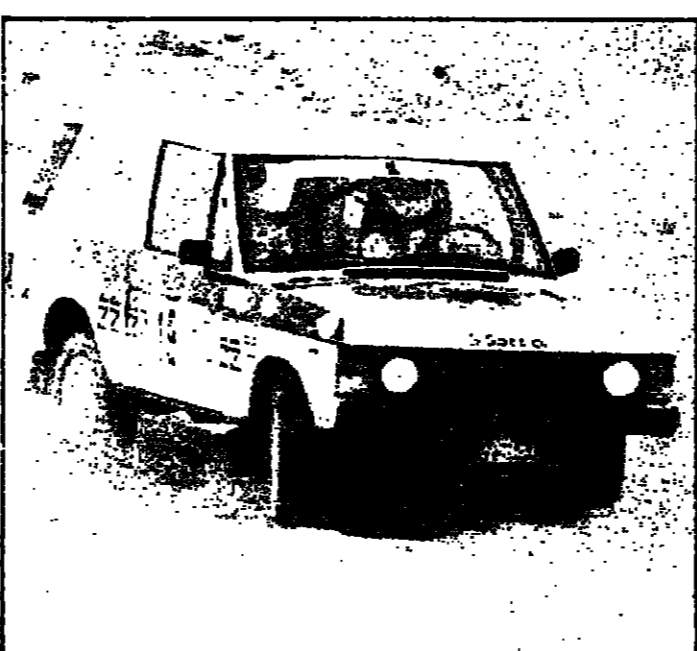
Bin Sulayem talks to Nigel Meneghan, press officer.



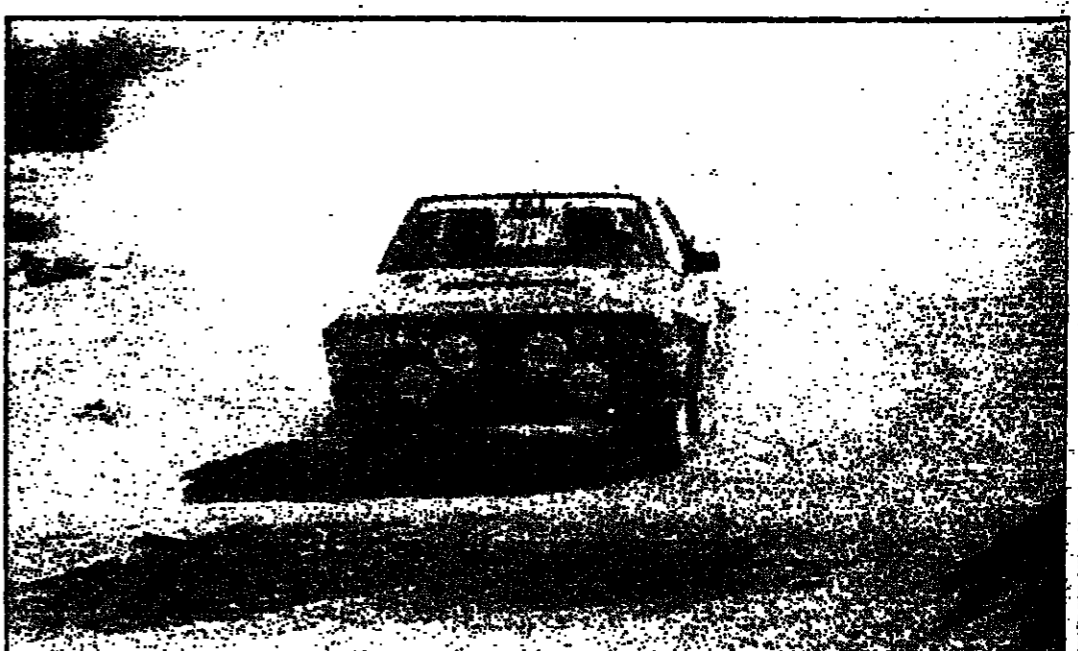
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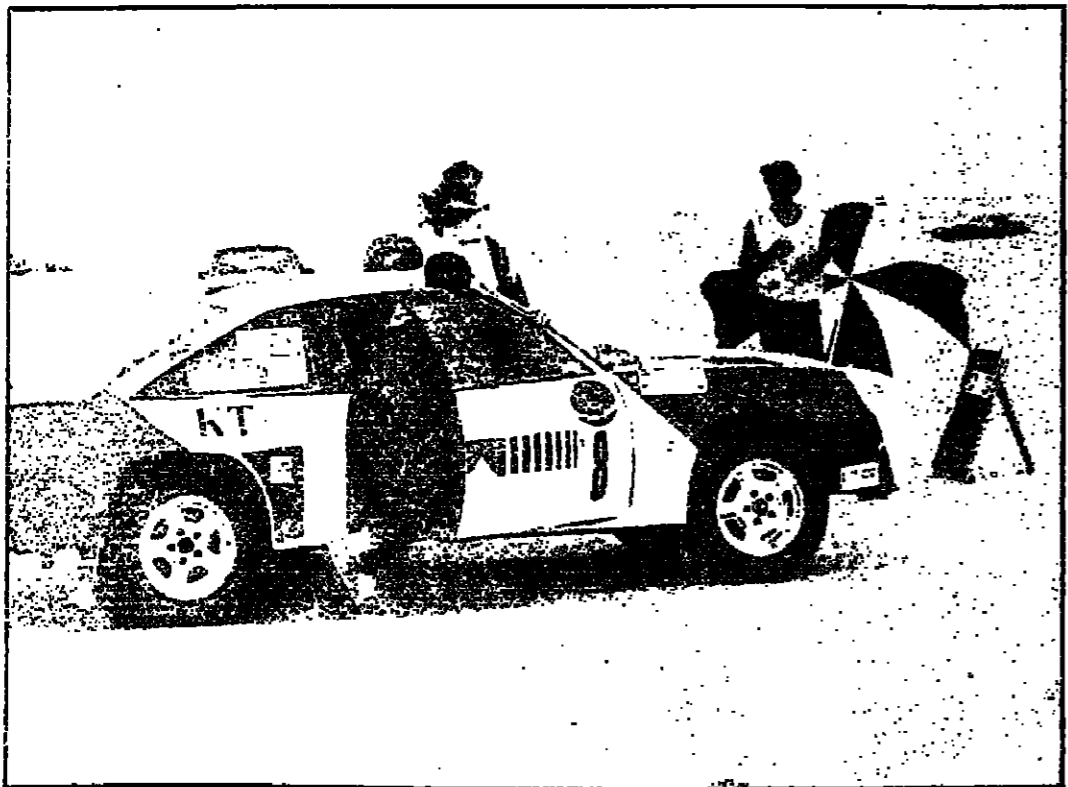
Al Wazzan and Khalifa making up time



Eid Falah: a well-deserved result



Ottmar Lange: a very short rally



Tragedy for Wazzan, pushing his car through the boards.



Al Hajri traction problems slowed him



The drivers wait for the rally to start.

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